

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ivo Panzani et al.

Docket No.: DID1041USC1

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application:

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Prior Application: 10/125,995

Examiner: Charles E. Cooley

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of a
☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of pending prior application Serial
No. 10/125,995, filed April 19, 2002, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING THE WASHING STEP IN A BLOOD CENTRIFUGATION CELL
and naming as inventors Ivo Panzani having an address of Via Tagliamento, 11, 41037
Mirandola (MO), Italy, Sergio Romagnoli having an address of Via Fabbri, 21, 40055
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Isola Della Scala, Italy.

1. ☒ Enclosed are 1 title page, 7 pages of specification, 5 pages of
claims (20 claims), 1 page of abstract, and 1 sheet of formal
drawings (FIGS. 1-2).
2. ☒ Enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
(4 pages) from the parent application Serial No. 10/125,995.

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3. ☒ Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below.

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION					
Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	Basic Fee \$770.00
Total Claims	20-20	0	X	\$18.00	0
Independent Claims	2-3	0	X	\$86.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X	\$290.00	0
Total					\$770.00

5. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the required filing fees.
7. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims ____ to ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
8. ☐ Amend the specification by adding the following sentence before the first paragraph:
9. ☐ ____ sheets of new formal drawings are enclosed.
- 10a. ☒ Priority of application serial no. MI2001A000899 filed on April 30, 2001, in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

- 10b. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior application serial no. 10/125,995, filed April 19, 2002.
11. ☒ The Assignment records in the Patent and Trademark Office indicate that the parent application is assigned to: Dideco S.p.A. This Assignment is recorded at Reel 013086, Frame 0083.
12. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the parent application is to at least the following: Thomas E. Popovich (Reg. No. 30,099), Terry L. Wiles (Reg. No. 29,989), Patrick J. O'Connell (Reg. No. 33,984), and Miriam G. Simmons (Reg. No. 34,727).
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the parent application.
- b. ☒ A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) and Form PTO-1449 listing 24 documents (1 page, in duplicate) are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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